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REMARKS

Claim 21 has been amended to distinguish over all of the art of record. None of the references shows both (a) triangular prisms having a curved vertex ridge of varying height, and (b) a plurality of second triangular prisms formed on the second main surface and aligned in a row to a second direction, each having a second vertex angle different from the first vertex angle, wherein the first vertex angle ranges from about 100° to about 120°, and the second vertex angle ranges from about 120° to about 140°.

The limitations set forth in claim 21 have their basis in the specification, inter alia at paragraphs 00044-0046: In this exemplary embodiment each of the concavo-convex portions 258 has a ridge extended in the first direction D1 and curved in a predetermined curvature, . . . thereby improving diffusibility of the concavo-convex portions 258. . . . For example, each of the concavo-convex portions 258 may have a ridge curved in the predetermined curvature and having a non-uniform height while the ridge is extended in the first direction D1". The foregoing limitations are now recited in currently amended claim 21.

While the Examiner had rejected claim 21 under Section 102 as being fully met by Kohara patent 6633722, that patent teaches neither the curved vertex ridge nor second triangular prisms each having a second vertex angle different from the first vertex angle, wherein the first vertex angle ranges from about 100° to about 120°, and the second vertex angle ranges from about 120° to about 140°. Accordingly, the rejection of claim 21 as currently amended is traversed.

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The Examiner had rejected claims 22-27 under Section 103 as being unpatentable over Kohara alone (citing In re Aller, 105 USPQ 233 for the proposition that discovering an optimum or workable range may involve only routine skill) and had rejected claims 29-30 and 32 under Section 103 on the basis of the Kohara and Large references. Claims 23, 26 and 31 have been cancelled to facilitate prosecution. Claims 22, 24, 25 and 27-30 and 32 are variously dependent on claim 21 and should therefore be allowable over the Kohara reference and the Lodge reference since these references fail to have any teaching relative to triangular prisms having different vertex angle ranges as taught by applicant.

Claims 33-37 are withdrawn.

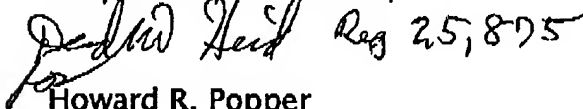
Claims 38 and 41 have been amended to include limitations similar to those now included in claim 21 and should be allowable on the same basis.

CONCLUSION

In the light of the forgoing discussion, the final rejection of claims 21, 22, 24, 25, 27-30, 32, 38 and 41 should be withdrawn and the application passed to issue.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss the matter, please contact the undersigned at (408) 392-9250.

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